

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider Claims 1 to 4, 8 to 11, 14, 16 and 21 to 34 as set forth in the Listing of Claims attached to this paper as Appendix I.

In light of the Examiner's allowance of Claims 5, 8, 9, 11 and 16, applicants have amended Claims 1 and 2 to include the limitations of allowed Claim 5. Claims 3, 4, 8 to 11, 14, 16 and 21 to 23 incorporate the respective requirements by reference to Claims 1 and 2. The respective changes do not introduce new matter within the meaning of Sections 112 and 132, and Claims 1 to 4, 8 to 11, 14, 16 and 21 to 23 should, therefore be in condition for allowance<sup>1)</sup>. New Claims 24 and 25 correspond to Claims 1 and 2 as previously presented with the difference that applicants have introduced the limitations of allowed Claim 8. New Claims 26 to 34 depend, either directly or indirectly, upon Claim 24 and otherwise correspond to Claims 3, 4, 9, 11, 14, 16 and 21 to 23, respectively. The newly added claims do not introduce new matter within the meaning of Sections 112 and 132, and those claims should, therefore also be in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing and the attached, the application should now be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is solicited.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

It is respectfully requested that a *three* month extension of time be granted in this case. A check for the \$950.00 fee is attached.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 11.0345. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix I)  
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1) If an independent claim is non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103, then any claim depending therefrom is non-obvious (*In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (CAFC 1988)).